

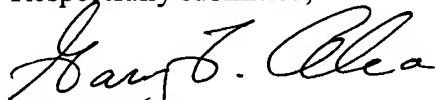
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Of pending claims 1-5, all were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3, 10 and 27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,693,456. In response, the applicant hereby submits a Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR §1.321.

Therefore, in view of the amendments and the remarks above, the applicant respectfully requests that all the rejections be removed, that claims 1-5 be allowed, and that the case be passed to issue. If a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned at (408) 446-7687.

Respectfully submitted,



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